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1. claims: 1-7 (complete) and 12-15 (in part)

Process for purifying an acetonitrile feedstock comprising steps A), B), and C) whereby step B) consists of a pervaporation step

2. claims: 8-11 (complete) and 12-15 (in part)

Process for purifying an acetonitrile feedstock comprising steps A'') and C'') whereby the pervaporation step B) is missing and whereby different pressures are used in the steps A'' and C''

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